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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL

LONDON.—F. ALDAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GORON, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES HENRY & CO., 37, Wilberforce, E.C. SAMUEL DRAGON & CO., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street. W. M. WILLIS, 151, Cannon Street, E.C.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—AMEDEE PRINCE & CO., 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW VINCH, 21, Park Row.

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AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—Gordon & Goron, Melbourne and Sydney.

GEYTON.—W. M. SMITH & CO., THE APOTHECARY'S CO., Oldham.

SINGAPORE STRAITS, &c.—SAVILE & CO., Square, Singapore. O. HEINKEN & CO., Manila.

CHINA.—MACAO, F. A. DE CRUZ, Serrato, Ospital & Co., Amoy, N. Moalhe, Pondicherry, Ningpo, Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO.

Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, by fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent, per annum interest.

Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

Correspondence as to the business of the Bank, if marked on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, September 1, 1888. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$5,600,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-
PRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—Hon. JOHN BELL-IRVING.
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
O. D. BROWNE, Esq.
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J. S. MOSE, Esq.
L. POMEREE, Esq.
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CHIEF MANAGER.
Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
London BUREAUS.—London and County
Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
Current Deposit Account at the rate
of 3 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.

On Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities,
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.

Debtors granted in London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, September 4, 1888. 363

INTIMATIONS.
THE EAST BORNEO PLANTING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 21st to the
31st Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,
H. SHEPPARD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, December 19, 1888. 2146

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company
will be CLOSED from the 18th
December to the 1st of January, both days
inclusive.

F. W. CROSS,
Manager.
Hongkong, December 18, 1888. 2139

BOARD AND RESIDENCE
FOR SINGLE GENTLEMEN,
A PRIVATE SITTING ROOM.

Mrs. KJELLER,
Proprietress,
Hongkong, September 28, 1888. 1902

CHRISTMAS, 1888.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

ARE NOW SHOWING THEIR NEW STOCK OF
FANCY GOODS AND DELICACIES
SUITABLE FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW-YEAR PRESENTS.

Handsome Centre-Pieces & Table Flower Sets.

Fancy China Tea Sets
Enamelled & Onyx "Tantalus" Spirit Frames
Figure Ornaments
Pretty Flower Holders
Fancy Table Lamps
Exquisite Art productions in Table Flower Sets
Oster's novel "Fancy Bowls & Specimen Glasses
Porcelain Men Tablets
Fancy China Teapots, Creams and Sugars
Pretty Table Balloons and Gongs
Paper Knives and Trays
Gilt and Crystal Flower Holders
Bracelet Mirrors
Toilet Table Sets
Pampas Grass Holders
Nickel & Gilt "Tantalus" Spirit Frames

NEWEST FANCY LEATHER GOODS.

Cabinet & Cigarette Cases
Table Portrait Stands
Newest Portrait Screens
Tourist Writing Cases

LADIES' HAND BAGS AND SACHETS.

Perfume Bottles in Cases
Fitted Dressing Cases
Fitted Travelling Bags
Birthday Books
Autograph Albums
Music Boxes
Music Holders
Handsome Jewel Cases
Dash-Patch Boxes

NEW PAINTED PHOTOGRAPHS ON OPAL.

THE LATEST DESIGNS IN FANCY LAMP AND CANDLE SHADES.
SILVER-MOUNTED MEERSCHAUM AND BRIAR PIPES.

Cigar and Cigarette Holders
Tobacco Boxes
Smokers' Fancy Goods

Electric Lighters
Tobacco Boxes
Smokers' Fancy Goods

Gloves & Handk'f. Sachets
Night Dress do.
Toilet Necessaries

BOOKS.—

CHILDREN'S TOYS,
NEWEST MECHANICAL TOYS,
WORKING STEAM MODELS,
—AND—

IN-DOOR GAMES FOR YOUNG AND OLD.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:

Fancy Boxes for X'mas Trees
Illuminated Heads
Funny Surprise Boxes
Flags and Banners

COSAQUES:

Tom Smith & Woods' newest Crackers, containing:—Head-dresses, Jewellery, Toys, Mottoes, Luggage, Poetry, Sweets, Dresses, Fountains, Games, and all the latest fun.

BOOKS:

A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF HANDSOMELY BOUND VOLUMES, SUITABLE FOR PRESENTS.
Special attention has been paid to this department, and this year's assortment has been carefully selected to suit every variety of refined taste.

CHURCH SERVICES, PRAYER BOOKS, HYMN BOOKS, BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS.

—ALSO—
Children's BOOKS, The Latest NOVELS, MAGAZINES and ANNUALS.

Christmas and New Year Cards.

N E W M U S I C .

ALL THE NEWEST SONGS, DUETS AND PART SONGS,

ALL THE LATEST DANCE MUSIC,

ALL THE MODERN DRAWING-ROOM SOLOS AND DUETS,

CLASSICAL MUSIC.

Comic Songs ... Violin Solos ... Sacred Music

Popular Music ... Standard Music ... Violin and Piano Duets

VOLUMES—Volumes of Songs, Volumes of Piano Solos, Volumes of Dance Music, and Volumes of Classical Music.

OPERAS—Focal Scores, Piano Scores, Violin Scores.

A H A N D S O M E T A B L E F O U N T A I N .

ELECTRO-PLATED NICKEL SILVER WARE,

In all the Newest Designs.

AND EVERY DESCRIPTION OF TABLE PLATE.

—Also—
A GOOD SELECTION OF ARTICLES, IN SATIN-LINED MOROCCO CASES, SUITABLE FOR PRESENTS.

Christmas Wine List:

AYALA & CO.'S CHAMPAGNE, L. C. & CO.'S & CUTLER PALMER'S CHOICE PORTS.

SACCONI'S SHERRIES, MANZANILLA, AND AMONTILLADO.

ADETI SEWARD & CO.'S BORDEAUX WINES—MEDOC, HAUT TALENCE, ST. EMILION, MARGAUX, CHATEAU LAROSSE AND CHATEAU LAFITE.

HOCKS, BURGUNDIES AND SAUTERNE.

Assorted Cases of CHRISTMAS WINES AND SPIRITS.

Christmas Delicacies.

Now Season's PUDDING FRUITS in Butter.

SOUPS.—Roul. Tartie, Mulligatawny, Ox-tail, Giblet, Clam Chowder, Soup and Boulli, Hotch Potch, &c., &c., &c.

FISH.—Sardines in Oil, Citron, Tomatoes and Butter, Whitebait, Trout, Anchovies, Oysters, Tamarind Fish, Mackerel Red Fish, Hawens and Macreux au vin Blanc, Pilchards, Salmon Cutlets, Salmon Kippers, Finnan Haddock, Digby Chickie, &c., &c.

PATENT PRESERVED LAX.

Apple Sauces, Brown Essences, Pig's Feet, Sage-and-Onion Stuffing, Tripe, Potted Mutton, Vegetables, Black Leicestershire Mushrooms, assorted Pickles, Tabasco Sauce, Flavoured Jellies, Salad Cream, French Vinegar, French Mustard, Stuffed Olives, Lyons Sausages, Wiltshire Bacon, &c., &c.

DESSERT FRUITS.—Fruits in Syrup, Noyaux and Brandy; Crystallized Fruits, French Plums, Jordan Almonds, Orange, Lemon and Vanilla Creams, Cutting's Dessert Fruits, assorted Tart Fruits.

MINT FANTA.

New Season's MUSCATELS, SYRUP EGGS, APPLES, ELVIS PLUMS.

NUTS.—ALMONDS IN SHELL, BRAZIL, FILBERTS, AND BARCELONA.

PESTLE PUDGING AND MINCEMEAT.

HUNTERLY AND PALMER'S

CHRISTMAS CAKES.

FINEST SELECTED YORK HAMS.

Wiltshire—Cured side Bacon and Bath Chops.

CHEESE

GORGONZOLA, GLASTON, ALBERT, ROCHFORT, AND STILTON.

HUNTERLY & PALMER'S CHRISTMAS & ASSORTED BISCUITS.

FRANCHE AND ENGLISH CONFECTIIONERY

AND FANCY BONBON BOXES.

FANCY CHOCOLATES AND CHOCOLATE CREAMS.

COOKIES & QUACKS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

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Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.
THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY
WILL PERFORM
GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S OPERA
'IOLANTHE',
THIS EVENING,
AND
SATURDAY,
the 20th and 21st December.
Doors open at 8.30, performance to begin
at 9 o'clock p.m.

Tickets for the Second Performance may be obtained from Messrs. LANE, CLOWDOW & CO., on and after Thursday, the 13th Instant. Price, \$2 each.

R. LYALL,
Hon. Secretary,

Hongkong, December 20, 1888. 2050

G. CHIARINI'S ROYAL ITALIAN CIRCUS AND MENAGERIE.

AT BOWRINGTON.

OPEN
Every Night,
At 8, commencing 9 p.m. sharp.

Saturdays, 2 Performances,
Doors open at 3, and commences at 3.30 p.m.

To-night,
20th December, 1888.

ANOTHER BRILLIANT CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.
NEW EQUESTRIAN SCENES.
NEW SENSATIONAL ACTS.
NEW HORSES EDUCATED IN BOTH SCHOOLS.
NEW COMIC AND LAUGHABLE SCENES.

SIGNOR CHIARINI for the first time will ride 'la haute Ecole' his famous and highly Educated Horse 'SYDNEY' demonstrating movements and evolutions of the Hippo School never shown before in Hongkong by any other Horse.

For the first time this Season the terrific and imposing scenes of the ROYAL BENGAL TIGERS, and the tamer, Mr. J. FRAME, in the telescopic cage are and arm with the brutes, having a pupil Tiger among the lot.

GRAND REDUCTION OF PRICES!!
Boxes with 6 Chairs \$9.00
Single Chairs in Boxes 1.50
Dress Circle Chairs 1.00
Carpet Seats 0.50
Gallery 0.30

Children and Soldiers in uniform in the Gallery, 20 Cents. To all other parts of the house Half Price.

L. MAYA,
Secretary

Hongkong, December 20, 1888. 2123

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
A FINE COLLECTION OF JAPAN WARE
NUTRITIVE FOR THE SEASONS PRESENTS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,
the 22nd December, 1888, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Duffield Street.—

A VERY FINE COLLECTION OF JAPAN WARE,
Just Received from Japan, and comprising—

SATSUMA, KAGA, IMARI, MIAO and TOKIO ENAMELLED VASES, JARS, PLATES, BOWLS, INCENSE BURNERS, TEA AND BREAKFAST SETS, COFFEE CUPS, &c.

SILVER AND GOLD INLAID BRONZE VASES, and OTHER ARTICLES IN BRONZE AND METAL.

VERY CHOICE CLOISONNE VASES, PLATES and PLAQUES, &c.

IVORY CARVINGS, IVORY INLAID SCREENS, IVORY INLAID PANELS.

LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S SILK DRESSING GOWNS, SILK HANDBEDKES, SILK EMBROIDERIES AND BROCADES.

ANTIQUE and MODERN SILK EMBROIDERED KAKIMOS and WALL HANGINGS, GOLD and SILK EMBROIDERED SCREENS, &c.

A VERY FINE LOT OF BEAD CURTAINS, and OTHER ARTICLES.

Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale, and the above will be on view on Friday next.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

G. R. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 15, 1888. 2121

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 558.

THE following Particulars of SALE of CROWN LAND by Public Auction, to be held on the Spot, THURSDAY, the 27th day of December, 1888, at 4 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,
ARTHACHON SETH,
for the Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 15th December, 1888. 2122

Particulars of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on THURSDAY, the 27th day of December, 1888, at 4 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government of One Lot of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

Regis.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements	Surface Area	Depth
2149	Armenian St. West of Blue Buildings	15.10 6.67 35.01 1.67 42.82	13,355	

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fourth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held in the HONGKONG HOTEL on FRIDAY, the 21st Instant, at 11 o'clock forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, and Statement of Accounts to the 30th November, 1888, and of declaring Dividend.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 21st Instant, both days inclusive.

MAGEWEN, FRICKEL & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, December 1, 1888. 2018

THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SECOND CALL of TEN DOLLARS per Share is Due on the 20th day of December, 1888.

SHAREHOLDERS will please PAY the AMOUNT due upon their Shares to the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 20th Instant, both days inclusive.

INTEREST at the Rate of 12 %, per annum will be charged on all Calls paid after the 20th Instant as per Article No. 33 of the Company.

By Order,

A. G. GORDON,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 10, 1888. 2071

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING—1889.

HONGKONG DERBY.

SWEETSTAKES of \$20 each, Half for 1st, if declared on or before day of Closing ENTRIES, with \$100 added for Int. Prize, and \$50 for 2nd. For all China Ponies bond side Griffins at date of Entry (SATURDAY 19th January, 1889). First Prize, 70 per cent.; Second, 20 per cent.; Third, 10 per cent. Weight 10st. 10lbs. One mile and a half.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE to the Clerk of the COURSE at the CLUB on SATURDAY, the 22nd December.

H. J. TRIPP,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, November 22, 1888. 2069

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

TO-MORROW,

the 21st December, 1888, at 3 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

AN INVOC OF JAPANESE PLANTS, comprising—

CAMELLIAS, DEPHNES, CHERRY BLOSSOM, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 20, 1888. 2160

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TO-MORROW,

the 21st December, 1888, at 3 o'clock p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

AN INVOC OF THE UNDERMENTIONED GOODS, JUST LANDED, comprising—

CHILDREN'S ULSTERS, size from 3 to 12 years.

LADIES' ULSTERS.

LADIES' CLOTH JACKETS of latest style.

OPERA MANTLES.

LADIES' REAL SEAL SKIN NEW MARKET COATS.

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NOTIFICATION.

COSMOPOLITAN HOUSE, Kowloon, 20th Dec., 1888.

ON TUESDAY NEXT, the 26th Instant, being CHRISTMAS DAY, and on TUESDAY, the 1st January, 1889, being NEW YEAR'S DAY, this OFFICE and the OPIUM EXAMINATION HULK will be CLOSED for the transaction of all Business; but Work at the CUSTOMS STATION will proceed as usual.

F. A. MORGAN,
Commissioner of Customs.

Hongkong, December 20, 1888. 2158

NOTIFICATION.

A SECRETARY is WANTED for the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Applications to be addressed to the CHAIRMAN, on an early date.

Hongkong, December 20, 1888. 2158

NOT Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crews of the following Vessels, during their stay in Liangchong Harbour:

BILBAO German barque, Capt. Weiss & Co.

RAPHAEL American ship, Captain E. W. HARVEY.

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By Order,

A. G. GORDON,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 10, 1888. 2071

THE STEAM LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

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THE SANITARY BOARD.
A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held this afternoon. There were present:—The Colonial Surgeon (Dr Ayres), Chairman; Mr Stewart Lockhart, Registrar General; Messrs Ede, Francis, and W.ug Shing, and Dr Cantlie.

A letter was read from the Colonial Secretary agreeing to the transfer of the licensing of latrines from the Surveyor-General to the Sanitary Board.

Mr Francis said that special legislation was required for the transfer, and suggested that the Government should be written to about this effect.

A letter was read from the Surveyor-General, forwarding plans for the Central Market, Hunghom Market and latrines and quarters for watchmen at the Peak. He said they had been ready in the office for three months but nobody had come to see them.

Mr Francis said Mr Price never mentioned in his presence that the plans were ready and could be seen. All that he said was a general remark that plans might be seen at the office.

Mr Ede also said he did not remember any special mention being made of these plans.

Mr Francis gave notice of a motion at next meeting about this communication of Mr Price.

The Registrar General asked if there was any report accompanying the plans.

The Chairman.—No.

It turned out that the Hunghom market was finished.

Mr Francis said it was making a laughing stock of the Board to submit plans and specifications after the plan was built. He understood the plans were to be submitted for such places before they were built, so that the members might see that the sanitary conditions were proper.

Mr Ede said that was the scope of his motion.

The Registrar General explained that this market was begun a long time ago and had been unprofitably delayed, so that the plan could not have been submitted to this Board before the work was begun. There was no intention therefore to keep the plans from the Board.

A letter was read from Mr R. K. Leigh, enclosing a copy of his report on the proposed new drainage system, which it was agreed to send round to the members.

The Board then passed several contracts for the removal of manure. With regard to the storing of animal manure at Mount Davis, which is left there to be dried, a discussion arose as to the place being too near the new Police Station, it being situated on the pier at Sulphur Channel. Dr Cantlie and Mr. Ede were appointed to report on the matter.

A letter was read from the Colonial Secretary agreeing to the extension of night-soil and conservancy contracts and pointing out that the Conservancy Contractor not having the same inducement as the night-soil contractor, did not do his work so thoroughly, and suggested that payment should be made by result.

Dr Caulfield asked how they could pay by result.

A general grin was all the reply.
The Board then went into committee on the by-laws for the compulsory reporting of infections diseases (limited to small pox) and the by-laws for compulsory vacinating of infected persons.

The by-laws were passed with some amendments. The only important discussion was that one arose with regard to the section empowering the Sanitary Superintendent to obtain the opinion of the Colonial Surgeon or other medical practitioner with regard to the necessity of removal of a patient.

Mr Francis suggested that, as there was no medical officer attached to the Board, they must make it compulsory on a medical practitioner to attend.

This was objected to as unfair, and it was agreed that the Board should rather suggest to the Government that a Medical Officer should be attached to the Board.

THE FESTIVE SEASON AND THE SHOPS.

The fact that Christmas does not come off sooner than once a year is not a matter of regret with some people. The dear little innocent young folks, who believe in Santa Claus and plum-pudding and Mince Pies, and Biscuits, will have with joy half-a-dozen Christmases per annum. The proprietors of shops in which fancy goods, toys and Christmas cheer may be purchased would probably find no fault with a quarterly Christmas, although they always protest to be worried to death during the festive season. But the general public, who know all about Santa Claus and plum-pudding and chocolate creams, and who read the festive gush in the newspapers, probably think once a year is often enough for Christmas. They welcome it when it comes, and cheerfully do their best to keep up the old observances. There is no danger of their being allowed to let the season pass unnoticed while there are a few enterprising firms in the colony who make special "lines" of Christmas goods. They will be duly reminded of the arrival of stocks of articles suitable for presents, and of all kinds of delicacies and good cheer, and they will visit the shop and buy large orders as collectors. A very considerable amount of pleasure may be derived from an inspection of the principal stores at this season. As much space as can be afforded is given up to the display of the specialties of the season. The extent and variety of the stock in each case is surprising. Not merely is there a great array of such things as Santa Claus usually drops into young people's stockings when he is going his rounds on Christmas Eve, but there are collections of fancy articles and works of art such as could hardly be excelled, one would think, in the best shops of London or Paris. You surely don't do a great deal in goods of this class, among such a handful of Europeans as we have here, we said in our innocence to the manager of one of these princely stores. "Oh, don't we?" he replied and went on to say that he had already sold so-and-so of this, and that and the other, until we felt assured that the Christmas exhibition was by no means a vain show.

At Meade's Lane, Crawford and Co.'s there is a stock of sufficient magnitude to meet the wildest mania for present-giving. In novelty of design there are illustrations of remarkable ingenuity and refined taste. There are exquisite specimens of Doulton, Wedgwood, Persian and Dresden ware, a variety of remarkably pretty articles in glass and cutlery, and a charming selection of Parian statuettes from the Italian Exposition. There is an air of solid respect-

ability about the fancy leather goods department and an air of "Russia" which assures us that the articles are genuine and that they will never cause the owner the disappointment felt by the school-boy when he discovers that the pocket-book for which he paid one-and-sixpence is composed chiefly of a portion of an old newspaper, artfully concealed between two thin skins of allied morocco. There is a dazzling display of electroplated ware in various artistic designs. The toy department is a children's paradise. To young people who have shaken off the taints of the nursery, the mechanical toys and the working steam models will appeal with irresistible force. No boy of inquiring mind could rest until he had seen the inside of them. Under the heading of "delicacies" there is a profuse display of good cheer, such as would enable the most sober-minded citizen to enjoy a good time at Christmas. Meade's Hall and Holtz are very much in the Christians business. Their display of reasonable goods is worthy of the old established firm's reputation. There are novelties in endless variety in the shape of Christmas presents, besides a plentiful supply of luxuries for the festive board.

In the former department the most notable feature is the collection of bronzes and electroplated ware, all characterised by artistic design and most careful finish. A number of Japanese objects, exquisite both in colouring and design form a very attractive portion of the general display. In the mechanical toy department there are some cunningly devised novelties calculated to make young Hongkong stars, and the sweetest brand is warranted to give a Christmas-like character to their festive promises by a large and excellent display of reasonable delicacies, well worthy of inspection. In addition to their ordinary stock of Christmas goods, there is a very interesting collection of Japanese ware, including many ingeniously constructed pieces of inlaid woodwork. Meade's Watson & Co., over the way, have run uninterrupted, excepting a few hours stoppage, since that time.

The total receipts for the six months ending Dec. 26 received for transfer fees, and the net profit after paying interest and all charges amount to £6125.46.

To which I had the honour to receive the following reply:

HONGKONG, COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
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(Signed) FRANCIS STEWART,

Colonial Secretary.

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THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the Shareholders of the Fourth Ordinary General Meeting to be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on Friday, 21st December, 1888, at 11 o'clock forenoon:

The General Manager beg to lay before the Shareholders the annexed Statement of Acc. units of the Company made up to 30th November, 1888.

The Company's line was opened for passenger traffic on 30th May last, and has run uninterrupted, excepting a few hours stoppage, since that time.

The total receipts for the six months ending Dec. 26 received for transfer fees, and the net profit after paying interest and all charges amount to £6125.46.

To which I had the honour to be deducted, Consulting Committee's and Auditor's fees..... 600.00

Leaving available for appropriation..... 58525.46

Of which sum, the General Managers, and the Consulting Committee, recommend that a dividend of 8% per share, for the six months, or at the rate of 16% per annum, be paid to Shareholders, which will absorb.... 5000.00

And to be carried forward to a new account, the balance of £525.46

Consulting Committee.—Under Rule 15 of the Company's Articles of Association, the Hon. Mr. Ryrie, Meade James B. Coughtrie, and J. D. Sonnemann retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditor.—Through the death of Mr A. E. Vaucher, the accounts have been auditied by Mr R. Lyall, whose appointment requires the confirmation of the Shareholders. Mr Lyall also offers himself for re-election.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th December 1888.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT TO 30TH NOV., 1888.

Permanent way..... £120,044.41
Concession and Deed of Grant, 4,000/-
Stock in hand at date, 4,732.74
CASH.....

In hand..... 500.04
With Collectors, 40.00

£120,097.19

Liabilities
Capital subscribed (£125,000)
Amount called up, £62,500
Due Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, 20,022.31
Due the General Manager, 29,963.82
Accounts Payable, 2,805.61
Profit and Loss, 5,525.46

£129,077.19

WORKING ACCOUNT FROM 30TH MAY TO 30TH NOVEMBER 1888.

To Salaries and Wages, £4,223.65
Chargé Account, 632.40
Police Rates, 374.70
Coals and Stores, 1,644.80
Interest, 1,952.25

Consulting Committee's and Auditor's Fees, 600.00
Balance to Profit and Loss, £14,935.75

By Traffic Receipts during the 6 months to date, 14,927.75
Transfer Fees, 26.00

£14,953.75

E. & O. E.
MACEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.,
General Managers.

I have compared the above statement with the Books and Vouchers of the Company, and found the same in accordance therewith.

R. LYALL, Auditor.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1888.

THE DRAINAGE OF THE COLONY.

MR LEIGH'S ANSWER TO THE GOVERNOR'S CHALLENGE.

We give below the first half of an able paper by Mr R. K. Leigh, A.M.I.C.E., on the proposed new system of drainage, and propose to supplement this on an early occasion.

Mr Leigh starts by quoting the Governor's speech in which he challenges any competent authority in the Colony to refute the arguments of Mr Cooper and Mr Price. He then continues:

On reading the above speech I ventured to address you the following letter:

The Hon. F. STUART, LL.D., Colonial Secretary, &c.

Hongkong, 14th November, 1888.

Sir,—Having read with great interest the speech of His Excellency the Governor, in which he mentions his wish to receive any suggestions relating to the proposed scheme of drainage for this City, I beg to mention, that as a professional man of ten years' experience in this Colony, partly in the Government Service and partly in private practice, and taking a keen interest in the affairs of the Colony, I see some points in which my opinion differs from that shown forth in the paper at present proposed.

In order to enable me to submit my ideas, I should be glad of the permission of His Excellency the Governor to be furnished with the detailed plans and estimates of the proposed scheme, on receipt of which I will endeavour to carefully study the same, and to the best of my ability offer such suggestions as I may think will be of use to His Excellency the Governor.

I am of opinion that the Master of a British ship whose ship comes to grief when

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant,

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Assoc. Mem. Inst. C.E.

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1. Attempting to separate rainfall from sewage over the thickly-populated Chinese parts of the City.

2. Dividing the City into four districts.

3.—The disposal of the sewage by intercepting sewers at the four points proposed.

Before proceeding to discuss my objections, I think it would be well to describe more fully my proposals, as the pros and cons of the two schemes could then be easily compared.

Planned I am of the City. The districts occupied by Chinese are coloured red, and those I propose to drain on the Combined System. The districts coloured yellow are chiefly occupied by Europeans, and those I propose to drain on the Separate System.

To follow the description of the lines of sewers I am now about to describe, a thorough knowledge of the levels and contours of the ground is necessary. I regret that, being able to spare but a short portion of time, and the plan of Mr Cooper's Scheme having been hurried home, I have not drawn a complete plan showing all the lines of sewers.

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carry out a collecting sewer, as admitted in the report by the recommission to carry out the discharge by pumping to North Point.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 8 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

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Hongkong, December 10, 1888. 2064

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TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,

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Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—

To Vancouver & Victoria, Mex. \$100.00
To San Francisco 175.00

To all common points in Canada and the United States 230.00

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N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

ON SUNDAY, the 23rd day of December, 1888, at 10 a.m., the Company's Steamship PIKEUSSEN, Capt. O. PONTE, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this port as above, at 10 a.m.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon. Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 22nd December. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office). Contours and Value of Packages are required.

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NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, SAMARANG, BATAVIA, SINGAPORE AND SAIGON.

THE Company's Steamship Verbudda, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the KOWLOON FISH & GONDOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, at West Point, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 24th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damage and/or shortages not later than the 31st Instant, otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 17, 1888. 2125

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. Chingua, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GONDOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned, before Noon on the 22nd Instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 22nd Instant, at 4 p.m.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 a.m. To-day.

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Hongkong, December 17, 1888. 2128

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